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Russell Rasmussen, Director
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Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
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SUBJECT: Discharge Monitoring Quality Assurance (DMRQA) Study 26

Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

This is in response to concerns identified in your May 30, 2006 - DMRQA letter. We have made our headquarters office aware of the distribution of the Study 26 packets to Wisconsin Permit Holders, and they agree that it was in error. In an effort to alleviate some of the resulting confusion, we have sent out email notifications to Wisconsin Permit Holders alerting them that they are not required to participate in the subject study. Dave Webb, of your staff, has additionally posted our notification letter on the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Laboratory Certification Website to help lessen the confusion. We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this has caused you and your National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Holders.

Again, the Region has complete confidence in the DNR Laboratory Certification and Proficiency Testing programs and look forward to working closely with you and your staff to address any NPDES quality assurance issues that may arise.

Sincerely yours,

Jo Lynn Traub
Director Water Division